


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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2006, it is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered under 37 CFR §1.111, the response contained herein be considered, and the above-referenced application be re-examined for allowance.

Amendments to the claims are presented starting on page 2.

Remarks for this amendment are presented starting on page 8.